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From: James Beck [jamesbecktennis@gmail.com]
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To: Chairman.Fleming
Subject: SCE&G Rate Hike

Ms. Fleming,

You have a wonderfully brilliant daughter in Betsy. We know her well from the Gibbes and also from a talk she made at the Kiwanis Club of Charleston. Our oldest daughter, Danielle Wegener Beck, is now an attorney and a Converse graduate. We love Converse, even more than Wofford where our youngest lawyer-to-be daughter Nicole attended. Wofford is a great school, but Converse will always be special to us. Our trips to Converse for special weekends and Danielle's tennis matches (she was twice captain of the Converse tennis team) are memories we will always cherish. I write about high school tennis in Charleston, and have promoted Converse to many high school players and their parents, telling them about Danielle's wonderful experiences there. I wish more girls knew how special attending an all-girls school can be.

I believe the rate hike that SCE&G is trying to pull over the public is taking advantage of its customers. SCANA is a public company and should use its own vast fortunes to finance its own endeavors the way other publicly traded companies do. Or it should borrow money the way most Americans and companies do to finance projects or purchase large expenditures or even to go to law school. But a rich utility company shouldn't even attempt to pass the cost of future projects off to customers who have no other choice but to use a monopoly such as SCE&G. I don't believe I have a choice for my electricity other than SCE&G. If I did, I would simply switch electric services just like switching telephone companies, and I wouldn't be writing this e-mail. Thank you, and congratulations to Betsy and you. James Beck

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